

# American Horticultural Society Honors Olbrich Botanical Garden with Garden Stewardship Award

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ALEXANDRIA, VA, UNITED STATES, March 16, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Olbrich Botanical Garden in Madison, WI, has been named the 2022 recipient of the [American Horticultural Society's \(AHS\) Garden Stewardship Award](#), which is given to a public garden that embraces and exemplifies sustainable horticultural practices in design, maintenance, and/or programs.



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This year is the debut for this accolade as part of the Great American Gardeners Awards that the AHS presents annually to individuals, organizations, and businesses that represent the best

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Olbrich Botanical Garden is a true gem of Madison and is more than deserving of the 2022 (AHS) Garden Stewardship Award. AHS is delighted to honor Olbrich for their remarkable work.”  
*Marcia Zech, Board Chair*

in American gardening. “Olbrich Botanical Garden is an amazing asset within its community and we are delighted to honor the garden for its commitment to creating a beautiful environment using sustainable practices,” said Marcia Zech, AHS Board Chair.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens is a major horticultural institution in Madison, Wisconsin. Spread over 16 acres are a variety of outdoor gardens featuring native Midwest plants and a conservatory filled with species from the tropics. Like many botanical gardens, Olbrich practices

water-conserving techniques such as using an underground cistern to collect rainwater, establishing rain gardens, and selecting site-appropriate plants. What sets Olbrich apart is its inclusion of gravel garden technology which essentially replaces soil with gravel and requires

virtually no watering and weeding for the plants.

This water-conserving technique is used throughout Olbrich's outdoor gardens and in the parking lot islands. Former Olbrich Director Roberta Sladky notes that established gardens are "colorful, lush, interactive plant communities with bees, butterflies, and other pollinating and feeding insects," as well as birds that come to feast on seeds produced by "the diversity of plant specimens."

For more information on this year's recipients, please visit our [2022 Award Winners](#). Photographs of the award winners and additional information about the awards program are available upon request by contacting Katherine Somerville at [ksomerville@ahsgardening.org](mailto:ksomerville@ahsgardening.org) or calling (703) 768-5700, ext. 121.

Founded in 1922, the [American Horticultural Society](#) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization committed to modeling, educating about, and advocating for earth-friendly and sustainable gardening practices. Our mission is to share with all Americans the critical role of plants, gardens, and green spaces in creating healthy, livable communities and a sustainable planet. To learn more, visit <https://ahsgardening.org>.

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